

prime mover of the Chinese poison mongering war, we are not bound to promote good motives, but to bestow the good of the world. We are not bound, that for the interests of Europe, Austria must be maintained against the great powers; as if Austria, holding the two in one hand, and Italy in the other, biding the Hungary in one hand, that by her arms, could be so really powerful; or as if Hungary must have been in Austria's stead, as a bulwark against Russia; and a much stronger bulwark too, and much likelier for all true interests of Europe and of mankind, though built upon a sorrowful basis. We will presume the worst, for we can well afford to do so. We will presume that Austria, Hungary, or a simultaneous one, as it must be, would be, in both countries: Russia threatens to interfere in behalf of Austria; we protest, remonstrate, at last threaten to interfere, and finally, by sending our troops, and taking the field to uphold Freedom, we do so, and we uphold Freedom! Russia unfolds her flag in defiance, in outrage of the highest right, and shall we not look on in their defence? Oh, no! we must stand by and not fail; but we must not fail; it is our duty to be cowardly. What is the crime of despots so sacred in our eyes, and are popular rights so despicable? Since when have they become so? Are the kites and ravens of old Imperialism so range about without restriction, and carry havoc whither they will, while the young eagle of Austria is so in the power of the great eagle of Russia? No, no! We are strong for her. Ah! inhaled "We read in Macaulay that

An eagle towers in the pride of place at the end of the world."

That was a poetic marvel; but this sentence one would be still more miraculous. For this same Russia, the great, the colossal one, after all, what a colossal malady, what a gigantic fungus she is! Wherever she has put forth her great, her monstrous arms, she has left a wretched figure like a candle! Look at her latest processes in Hungary, in Austria! Look at Hungary she succeeded. Gloriously indeed, and most importantly—such as the big bully succeeded in *Man* and in the *Golden Age*—but she has failed in Hungary, and in thinking to smother his prowess cheaply, went in against the smaller one, but finding himself knocked about, and utterly unexpectedly he is fain to retire his head, and his arms, and his legs, and his neck, and his body to the up little figure of Freedom, the dazzling brilliancy of the Russian arms in Hungary, bailed everywhere, boated repeatedly, after her six months colossal efforts, without even the promise of a single drop of blood, and she has been left, as if she had long before bargained for—a straiter's surmount, with all due mock majesty and self-glorification; much like that of Faust when he receives the sword of Caliban. Such success to Russia may be a glory; to Europe, where Honor is the only thing that she has a chance of, it is a failure. A host of shopkeepers, or glum merchants, or loan mongers—for who expects morality from money bags—but I seek it of the American people, as what ground are you to stand about from the coming of the eagle of Russia? Freedom, Freedom, Freedom! Ah, no; we love and cherish her; every body knows and feels it. Are you then so dastardly as to disavow her? I cannot think it. That you are conscious of her rightful claims on you, I believe; and so I believe that you are conscious of her rights on this question. Consider, when a deformed but high spiritual sense is about to rise for Freedom how mighty may be the efficacy, both moral and material, of even a small aid; remember how it helped forward your own cause, and how it has helped forward the cause of Freedom. Consider, when a deformed but high spiritual sense is about to rise for Freedom how mighty may be the efficacy, both moral and material, of even a small aid; remember how it helped forward your own cause, and how it has helped forward the cause of Freedom. Consider, when a deformed but high spiritual sense is about to rise for Freedom how mighty may be the efficacy, both moral and material, of even a small aid; remember how it helped forward your own cause, and how it has helped forward the cause of Freedom.

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for mankind, too horrible, in short, for my belief. But if we would have faith in this Providence we must remember that Faith is not a *passive* thing. It is not God's gift to us, but our gift to God, through human instruments; and therefore when in the ripeness of time we hear the searching question: "Who will go on this great mission?" let us answer: "Faith is in him." Here, I would say, "Lord, send me;" and there would be answer in that ready tone, for truly we have much to sue for, not only in the trust and guardianship of Freedom, to us now above all things, but in the power to resist the temptations of the overflow of our wealth, but also, I grieve to say, in the short-fallings of our selfishness, our narrow and shrinking policy, but description of our distinctive stand-ards of morality. If we are to be the benefactors of our earth, we are men, and among the mightiest of this age, the very mightiest of all if we only would, but we lack the main virtue of manhood—the manly consciousness of our responsibility to our fellow-men. We have instincts, indeed, and impulses, but they seem merely passive. A great man, for instance, I need not name him, came among us; a signal door he suffered to be wakened of Freedom, and about for him, we crowded to him, to deliver him, but he banded to us, and we welcome him are hardly cold, and our hearts are cold, too; he comes to us for help to Hungary, we come to him for the excitement of a show;—and a mere show it is, and he goes, and we are left with our old man-machod, or our old childlike! The truth, I fear, is, that after all we are but half-hearted in the cause that after all earthly ones, we ought to cherish—that of Freedom. We are not men, we are not men of action, or of speculators, and lastly, what we should be primarily—*Republicans*. We are willing enough to indulge ourselves in the luxury, a selfish one at the best, of sentimental sympathy, but only when it is a means to get to the point, and all that we think on us we ought to be ready to face, all that we think on us we ought to be ready to extend all hands, thank Heaven that we are clear of extending all hands, and conclude to "proceed no further in this business." Now we are all aware that to countenance a man in a vulgar, a mean, a selfish way, when we must not make duty subordinate to cost, but cost to duty. We must do our duty at all costs. But as yet we fall sadly short of this determination; we keep our small private interests at the front, and the interest of the world—the world-wide interest of humanity is almost wholly shut out from us. Above all things we want Faith—Faith in our Republican calling—a Faith

Wrought into man's working through us, till one whole lump, cold as it now is, be leavened thoroughly, and rise, both inwardly and outwardly to its right development. From the back of this Faith our freest utterances are but fiftle: like Fear, as the poet has portrayed her.

"We back round, we know not why,  
Even at the sound ourselves have made."

Not so does the true spirit speak, from the heart—from the heartstrings, I should rather say, of Patriotism—but

there are signs if I read them rightly, that these fitful utterances are but the prelude, the rehearsal of worthier strains, earnest, lofty, thoroughly sustained. But for this hope I should well nigh despair of Freedom: clinging to it, therefore, and cherishing it, I beseech you, old and young, but you, young Americans, especially, for to you Faith, the noblest faculty of our nature is vouchsafed in fuller

measure and with stronger efficacy; everywhere Faith works wonders, but so where would she work more wonderfully than with us, and a shame indeed it were to make her strange, for Faith—remember this, you will find the renunciation a cheering and uplifting one—is eminently Republican; in her we have both our strongest stay and our surest guidance, our anchor and our beacon; she's our true spiritual President, the impelling, the sustaining, and, above all, the ennobling principle of our Union; for who is so low minded among us as to stake our nobleness as a nation on our bulk, our big dimensions; Austria is a bigger country than this,

In that spirit, then, under God—in the spirit, I mean, of Faith—we breathe and live, we have our being as *Resurrection*—without it we are untrue to our calling.

of purpose, and reason, and will, is to win selling, but to succeed in this, we must win in vain selling. First of all then, let us be faithful, earnest, so, that a thorough, unflinching faith in Right, in Truth, in Humanity, in God, above all, as the center to whom and from whom all the three radiate; and remember that such a Faith will not confine itself within the limits of this or any other country; she has a wide vision, and no less wide a field of working energy; for she lives in Principles, and Principles are inclosed in no walls, wrapped in no treaties, bounded by no horizons, save the heavenly one, above all they are barred, to the faithful at least, by no prejudices; and here the Christian Republic

can feel his double faith—political and religious—bound and strengthened together by a most comforting assurance; the one upholds and avouches the other with the clearness, and force, and truth of sunlight; both teach us to acknowledge and fulfil the behest of universal brotherhood—to recognize no sects, to allow no lordships, to regard all mankind, not as the slaves of their several circumstances, but as the children of their common Father. These teachings are before us, clear and con-

quence, none can dispute their authenticity; and we all,  
 whether as Republicans or Christians, must admit their  
 authority. To be sure we have a loophole left for us;  
 we may try the stale trick of cowardice, we may ad-  
 mit, I mean, the truth, as indeed we must, but only to  
 palter and tamper with it on the point of application, on  
 the plea of present expediency; but can America bear  
 to concentrate herself into such a heinous evil? Is her  
 spirit so pitifully below her strength? Is the native hue  
 of her cheeks so easily stained with the vile red of

of her resolutions so be stricken over with the vice of  
selfishness? No, my countrymen, I cannot believe of  
you so basely: you have both the power and the will;  
your own principles are crying to you for recognition;  
take them once to your hearts and there warm them till  
you vitalise and encourage them into action.